

Arlington Master Plan Advisory Committee

Central School, Lower Level - 7:00 PM

Minutes: February 5, 2015

Approved: March 5, 2015

Members present: Charles Kalauskas, Bob Radochia, Ann LeRoyer, Wendy Richter, Pam Heidell, Sheri Baron

Members absent: Eric Bourassa, Melissa Tintocalis, Carol Svenson, Harris Band, Joe Barr

Also present : Joe Curro (BoS), Carol Kowalski, Ted Fields, Joey Glushko, and David Fields (Planning Department)

Charlie Kalauskas called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. There was discussion of the Feb. 4 ARB meeting, which was a continuation of the Jan. 12 Public Hearing on the Draft Master Plan. In particular, the MPAC proposed revisions and the additional revisions suggested by the ARB were acknowledged.

Outreach for Town Meeting Members: The Committee began consideration of the outreach program to the Town Meeting Members . They discussed the hand-out prepared by Carol Kowalski, Arlington Comprehensive Master Plan: Summary. This is a document of about 6 pages which will be made available to attendees at the proposed presentation/Q-A sessions; it contains a brief description of each master plan element and how it relates to Arlington, and a summary of the recommendations for each element. Each part of the document was reviewed and discussed, with numerous comments. Common issues throughout included concern for specific numbers in the text, too much specificity, and the need to condense the material; there was a desire to have some images/chart to vary the format. It was felt that the Master Plan Vision should be part of the summary.

Action: Carol Kowalski and Ann LeRoyer (our editor in residence) will work together to accomplish changes to the document in response to comments expressed at the meeting.

Action: Wendy Richter agreed to help with graphic support for the summary document.

Carol Kowalski prepared a tentative schedule for the outreach meetings; these are the dates and locations:

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| Tues., 3/10 | Dallin School |
| Wed., 3/18 | Stratton School |
| Thurs., 3/26 | Thompson School |
| Tues., 4/7 | Central School |

It is anticipated that coverage at each of the outreach meetings will be 2-3 MPAC members + 2 DPCD staff ; a schedule will go to MPAC members and staff for signing-up.

Action: Carol will send to MPAC members a sign-up sheet for participation at the outreach meetings; additionally, she will ask the ARB regarding their participation at these outreach meetings.

Review/Approval of Minutes: The minutes for meetings of Jan. 22 and Feb. 4 were reviewed, amended and approved.

The group realized their efforts in development of the master are coming to a close. What's next? was asked. Carol Kowalski explained that an implementation committee would be created and appointed to move the plan items forward; she would like to see the design guidelines addressed before moving into zoning issues. Charlie Kalauskas mentioned that he would like to host a reception for the MPAC in May/June to thank everyone; we will try to plan this into the schedule!

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Minutes submitted by Joey Glushko